Creating value, jobs, innovative projects: this is the mission of the Polo Tecnologico of Navacchio, the italian Silicon Valley

THE PTN COMPANIES' RISE IN TURNOVER OVER THE YEARS

RELEVANTFIGURES

137,978,480 2010 81,018,081 2009 56.051.728 2008 29,748,098 2007 23,169,798 2006

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The Navacchio's Polo Tecnologico (NdT: Technology Centre), not far from Pisa, was founded in 2000 and, in ten years' time, proved to be one of the most upstanding innovation centres in Italy, so that its President, Alessandro Giari, was confirmed as the head of the Italian Association for Science and Technology Parks.

The Polo has as its primary aim to welcome technology enterprises, start-ups (an "incubator" is operative since 2003), research and service centres, in order to develop their growth. encouraging the advance in innovation and the ability to work on the web.

Currently, the Polo houses over sixty companies the 37% of which come from the ICT field, the 29% from advanced services, the 15% from energy and environment sectors and the 6% from robotics; other fields of interest are microelectronics and biomedicine. The employees are about six hundred with an average growth rate that, in the last few years, reached a yearly 15%; a guarter of the staff are involved in the research and development area. But the most notable figures are those related to productivity: the turnover of the Polo's companies exceeds 80 million euros, with an increase that, lately, attained the maximum levels of 30-40%; data showing an opposing trend compared with the general picture in the years of deep crisis, at national and international level.

Another strong point of the Polo is the one related with the ability of making system, both as regards companies on the territory and the Pisan academic world, which counts excellence structures on many fields of scientific research and technological innovations. It is worth pointing out that the Polo houses the Regional Centre for Open Source.

No. 26 in ICT No. 17 in services % No. 8 in energy and environment No. 4 in robotics 6.5% No. 3 in TLC 4.8% No. 2 in micro-electronics 3.2% No. 1 in biomedicine 1.6% No. 1 in research 1.6%

> AREAS OF BUSINESS OF THE PTN RESPONDENT COMPANIES

42%

27%

13%